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neighborhood during the last six months. There were formerly 5,000 Polish forced laborers in the area, but they were later withdrawn. Since that time the heavy industry in the area has been struggling with an acute manpower shortage. The labor offices cannot provide the necessary trained technical personnel. An effort to supply the lack with Czechoslovak forced laborers has brought in only about 2,300 head, who are installed in a new labor camp.

6. The Poles had to be withdrawn because quarrels and violence between Polish and Czech workers were of daily occurrence. Among the Poles were many anti-Communists and anti Soviets who managed to distribute numerous anti-Communist leaflets among themselves and the Czechs.
7. The investigations of the SNB yielded no important results. The state security organizations were of the opinion that some Polish partisans had got in among the Polish workers, and that they were performing small acts of sabotage. These acts were magnified among the Czech workers at the factory.
8. The Party organs agreed that the security services had lost control of the situation and asked for Soviet help.

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